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SCHEMES FOR TEA INDUSTRY IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any schemes have been drawn out for revitalising the beleaguered tea industry in Assam including improvement quality, production patterns and exports of Assam tea during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the Central assistance proposed to be provided for implementation of said schemes; and
- (d) the targets fixed thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) &(b) Tea Board has drawn up five major schemes for implementation during the 10th Plan period which will also cover the tea industry in Assam. The schemes would focus on the following areas:-

1. Productivity improvement
2. Quality improvement
3. Market Development
4. Human Resource Development
5. Research & Development
6. Small Growers Development

- (c) The Central assistance approved for the 10th Five Year Plan is Rs. 350 crores as subsidy and grant in Aid.
- (d) Tea Board has a production target of 1044 million Kgs and export of 264 million kgs by the terminal year of the 10th Plan period.